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1. SECONDARY TRADEUNION LEADERS HAVE INFORMED LABATT THAT NATIONAL WAGE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE RESOLVED SEPT. 14. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA EXPECTED HAVE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREE-
MENT MAJOR UNIONS WITH MAJOR EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS. HOWEVER, THIS AGREEMENT WHICH EXPECTED TO BE AT 22 PERCENT LEVEL MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED BY TEXTILE COMPANIES IN PUEBLA NOR BY BORDER ELECTRONIC FACTORIES ON US/MEXICAN BORDER. THEREFORE SOME STRIKES ARE EXPECTED BUT NATIONAL SHUTDOWN NOT ANTICIPATED AT THIS MOMENT.

2. SUGAR WORKER UNION LEADER PRIVATELY SAID TO LABATT THAT DIFFICULTY NOW IS BETWEEN FIDEL VELAZQUEZ OF CTM AND SECRETARY OF LABOR, PORFIRIO MUNOZ LEDO. THE CONGRESS OF LABOR WHICH IS A LOOSE KNIT LABOR POLITICAL ORGANIZATION COMPOSED OF CTM AND THIRTY OTHER TRADEUNION
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ORGANIZATIONS DESIROUS OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND SIDING

WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA BUT FIDEL VELAZQUEZ OF CTM REMAINS INTRANSIGENT. DIFFICULTY APPEARS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VELAZQUEZ AND ECHEVERRIA AND MUNOZ-LEDO. VELAZQUEZ HAS PRIVATELY OPPOSED ECHEVERRIA ON PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT OF MUNOZ LEDO WHO TENDS TO SUPPORT LEFT-WING TRADEUNIONISTS.

3. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, ACCORDING TO MANY SECONDARY MEXICAN LABOR LEADERS TRIED TO RETIRE FIDEL VELAZQUEZ IN 1973, WHICH INFURIATED VELAZQUEZ. SINCE THEN VELAZQUEZ HAS ATTEMPTED TO EMBARRASS ECHEVERRIA'S LABOR POLICY. MUNOZ LEDO WHO IS VERY CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF ECHEVERRIA ATTEMPTING RESOLVE WAGE NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT STRIKE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES LEADERS OF NATIONAL EMPLOYER ASSOCIATIONS AND NATIONAL TRADEUNIONS WILL REACH AGREEMENT ON OR ABOUT SEPT. 14. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE SOME STRIKES ECONOMICALLY MOTIVATED NOT POLITICALLY INSPIRED.

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